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Dear Reader:

Enclosed for your information and use is the Record of Decision for the *Vegetation Treatments Using Herbicides on Bureau of Land Management Lands in 17 Western States Programmatic EIS (PEIS)*. This document is the result of extensive public involvement and outlines the specific decisions, standard operating procedures, and mitigation measures based on the Final PEIS concerning the use of herbicides in the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) integrated pest management program. The PEIS assessed five alternatives for herbicide use. The selected alternative is Alternative B in the PEIS that identifies the herbicide active ingredients approved for use on public lands administered by the BLM in the western United States, including Alaska.

The Record of Decision identifies herbicide active ingredients that are no longer approved for use on public lands unless they undergo additional human health and ecological risk analyses. In addition, the Record of Decision approves a scientific protocol for assessing herbicide active ingredients that may be considered for use in the future.

The Record of Decision defers to approved land use plans to determine the number of acres to be treated through the integrated pest management program and makes no land use or resource allocations in this regard. Please check with your local field or district offices concerning local vegetation treatment actions and how they will be implemented. The BLM consulted with both the Department of Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service and Department of Commerce National Marine Fisheries Service under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act prior to issuing this decision. Results of those consultations are included into the Record of Decision.

The BLM thanks everyone who participated in this effort and looks forward to continued collaboration and success in reducing the threat of noxious weeds, invasive species and hazardous fuels on public lands.

Sincerely,

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Director